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VIA EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

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Re: John Bradley, Jr.

Dear Barbara,

We write on behalf of our client, Timothy J. Cruz, the Plymouth County District Attorney, with respect to potential claims threatened by your client John Bradley, Jr. concerning his termination from the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office. Please allow us to be perfectly clear -- this is *not* an inadmissible settlement communication.

First, we thoroughly dispute the claims threatened by Mr. Bradley in your March 13, 2013 letter. Our investigation into District Attorney Cruz's actions with respect to Mr. Bradley indicates that District Attorney Cruz did absolutely nothing wrong and has at all times acted in conformance with the law.

That said, District Attorney Cruz believes he has the ability to assist in placing Mr. Bradley in another District Attorney's office within the Commonwealth. By this letter, District Attorney Cruz is offering Mr. Bradley this assistance. Not only would this effort assist Mr. Bradley in continuing with his work as an Assistant District Attorney, it would give him an opportunity to complete his 20 year service-time with the Commonwealth, thereby allowing his pension to vest. District Attorney Cruz makes this offer in good faith and not as a settlement proposal.

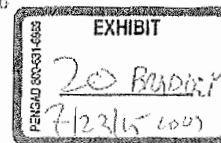
Our client, however, will not undertake this effort without Mr. Bradley's authorization, particularly given his objection to such assistance when offered at the time of his termination. If Mr. Bradley chooses to decline District Attorney Cruz's offer to assist in placing him in another District Attorney's office and Mr. Bradley subsequently decides to file suit against District Attorney Cruz, we will use this refusal as evidence in the litigation.

Please let me know in writing by 5pm on July 12 whether Mr. Bradley will authorize District Attorney Cruz to assist in placing him in another District Attorney's office. If we do not hear from you by then, we will assume that Mr. Bradley has refused this offer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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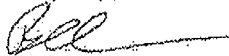
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Very truly yours,



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that, we will assume that John does not wish to have Tim's help finding work in another Massachusetts DA's office and we will let this part of this matter drop..

I hope that all is otherwise well.

Best

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Mr. Cohen -

Please see the attached.

Thank you.

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